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## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Equal access to the internet, without slow downs based on cost, will allow competition to flourish and consumers to win. Access to information should equally inexpensive for all to be sure everyone can participate. This is one of the bases of democracy. Once you start pricing people out or slowing down their service so much they cannot effectively use, a barrier to information has been put in place. This is not good.

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